

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

LUND *BH*

THOMPSON *at*

CHILCOTT *gf*

TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....January 27, 2006

Members ..... Commissioner Greg Chilcott  
Commissioner Alan Thompson, and Commissioner Betty Lund

Minutes: Sally Fortino

The Board met to continue the discussion of bids for the water/sewer project. Gary Wiley, Fairgrounds Director, was present for this meeting.

Gary explained he has received phone calls from citizens, stating they would be unhappy with Gary choosing a specific bidder. Commissioner Chilcott said when the sewer project is under way, it becomes Gary's responsibility to be sure safety protocols are being followed. Document everything. Call any references, log the calls, and document the comments. We are not as interested in plausible deniability as we are in viable recommendations, which is where our interest should be.

Commissioner Thompson said the thorny issue is that the concern seems to be with one individual in one company. The low bidder has the bond and good references. My concern would be if someone would say that this individual was using materials from another job and paid for by another company. As for the disparity of dollars between various aspects of the bids, some people will lower one cost and raise another.

Commissioner Lund said it looks like this one bid is very low. Gary asked if he should do a written check on references. He added that the bidder has to live with the bid, once it is made and accepted. Gary said he has researched people who have worked for the City of Hamilton. He said it would be wise to check references, return them to the Board of County Commissioners, and then make a decision on the bids. Doing the research first would be wiser.

Commissioner Lund moved to continue the meeting to award final bids for the sewer and water project to Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 1 p.m. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

The remainder of the day was spent in office management.